Export of Banana and Tapioca from Travancore.

384. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Department of Industries has studied the question of sending out banana and tapioca from this country in any form more profitable than at present?

(*b*) If so, will they be pleased to arrange for the publication of such information as early as possible?

(*c*) If not, will they be pleased to order such an enquiry at an early date?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Leaflets embodying the results of the enquiries carried out by the Department of Industries will be published shortly.

(*c*) In view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this question does not arise.

MR. C. P THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I kncw when these enquiries were set on foot?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not able to give the exact date. It was sometime back and the enquiry is nearing completion.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I know roughly the year?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Very recently.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Was it five years ago or ten years ago?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Very recently.

Preponderance of Brahmins in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

385. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that owing to the disproportionate preponderance of Brahmins in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction, the interests of officers of the Department belonging to the other communities are not properly safeguarded?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry into the causes of the preponderance of Brahmin clerks in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction and in the offices subordinate thereto?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the total number of clerks in the office of the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the *Civil List*.

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